

**City of Milwaukee
Meeting Minutes
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE**

*Caressa Givens, Claude Krawczyk, Kevin Kuschel (DCD),
Nicholas La Joie, Daniel Roufus (MPD) Andy Tillman, Angie Tornes*

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Friday, February 5, 2021

9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

1. Meeting commenced at 9:05 AM.

Members Present 4 – Givens, Kuschel, Tillman, Tornes

Members Excused 3 – Krawczyk, La Joie, Roufus

Other Attendees 19 – Mike Amsden (DPW), Sarah Bregant (resident), Terry Burant (resident), Dorothy Dean (Disability Justice), Andrew Ditto (Bublr Bikes), Kirsten Finn (Wisconsin Bike Fed), Meredith Genrich Mertes (resident), Paul George (UWM student), Mitchell Henke (resident), Montavius Jones (resident), David Locher (MCTS), Marissa Meyer (DPW), Jake Newborn (Wisconsin Bike Fed), Brian Peters (IndependenceFirst), Becky Rabatin (ADA Coordinator), Kate Riordan (DPW), Zak Sharp (resident), Angela Vickio (WDNR), Jessica Wineberg (Milwaukee County Parks)

NOTE: Agenda revised per the call of the Vice-chair.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 2020 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes for June 2020 meeting was approved (Motion: Tornes; Second: Tillman)

3. Discuss 2020 accomplishments

Tornes noted several efforts underway in 2020 including the status of updating the enabling legislation of the task force. Hannig provided a brief history of the legislation discussion and noted that the subcommittee had not met since early 2020.

4. Update (e.g., BPTF review of alternative operating structure, e.g., Advisory Committee; general new developments such as 30th Street Corridor and/or Active Streets 2021, etc.

Amsden clarified the difference between Active Streets for Business program versus the Milwaukee Active Streets pilot. Active Streets for Business was a program to expand curbside space (e.g., dining areas) for businesses to increase capacity while meeting COVID-19 requirements. Milwaukee Active Streets was a partnership with Milwaukee County Parks to close selected streets to motor vehicle traffic and open the streets for walking, bicycling, and being active while maintaining physical distancing requirements. Givens and Riordan provided a summary of the 2020 Milwaukee Active Streets program and an overview of the proposed 2021 Milwaukee Active Streets program. The 2021 program involves soliciting proposals from community-based organizations for Active Streets locations. DPW will provide a grant of up to \$5,000 to selected organizations. DPW will work with grantees to develop a plan for installing temporary infrastructure including, but not limited to, barricades, signage, and wave delineators. See the [website](#) for more details.

Riordan, Wineberg, and Bregant provided an update on the 30th Street Corridor Trail feasibility Study. The study can be found [here](#). The next step would be putting together an equitable development plan which will be led by the 30th Street Industrial Corridor Corporation. Wineberg noted that Milwaukee County Parks and the Northwest Side Community Development Corporation are working together. Milwaukee County was awarded grant to conduct a Northwest Side trail connectivity feasibility study. Bregant added that many of these efforts are included in the recently completed [Connecting the Corridor plan](#) released by the Department of City Development. Group briefly discussed accessibility and maintenance concerns around trails. Kuschel posed question to group for how the task force could support (and show support) for the trail. Tornes and Givens suggested discussing at future meeting.

5. Elect officers

Kuschel nominated Givens as Chair; second: Tornes. Givens nominated Kuschel as the Vice-chair; second: Tornes. Voting was conducted using Mentimeter. Givens elected Chair; Kuschel elected Vice-Chair.

6. Set goals for 2021

Following items were identified as goals for 2021:

- *Reorganize the task force and update its enabling legislation appropriately*
- *Continue addressing sidewalk snow removal and emphasize importance of making the discussion less car-centric*
- *Promote for more outdoor activities during winter (see examples from Baltimore's [Bikemore](#) and the [Barr Foundation](#))*
- *Revisit role of task force as a voice for the community*

Givens provided an update on the Milwaukee Safe & Healthy Streets coalition's efforts to examine public-facing advisory bodies to make sure they're more reflective of the communities' goals (e.g., Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force). Jones suggested engaging with the City's Legislative Reference Bureau to assist in putting together policies and legislation. Jones also suggested considering a development shop mentality (that would go from inception to completion) to identify topics to work on for the year and use the framework for breaking into subcommittee.

7. Set regular meeting schedule

Givens suggested discussing the future meeting schedule at a later date.

5. Community Dialogue & Upcoming Events

[America Walk – Walking College](#) – Due 2/28/21

Upcoming Milwaukee Walks Pedestrian Power Hour events:

3/11/21 6:00 – 7:00 PM

3/13/21 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

<https://www.facebook.com/MilWALKeeWalks/>

6. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

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